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March-June 2013 Leisure Guide

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## Mission Statement

The Hamilton County Parks and Recreation Department shall exist to serve the leisure and recreational needs of the residents and tourists of the county. We will strive to be the leader in providing well-maintained, high-quality passive parks and facilities, excellent programs and services, and the preservation of greenspace to enhance the quality of life in the county.

## Park Board Meetings

The Hamilton County Parks and Recreation Board meetings are held on the third Monday of each month, except holidays. They are held at 7 p.m. in the Cool Creek Nature Center auditorium, located at 2000-1 East 151st Street, Carmel, IN 46033. The meetings are open to the public.

## Park Hours

All parks operated by Hamilton County Parks and Recreation are open 365 days a year from dawn to dusk. Some sections of the park may be closed due to special events, shelter reservations or flooding. Please refer to *The Chatterbox* or call the administrative office.

## Cover Photo:

*Purple Coneflower at Strawtown Koteewi Park*  
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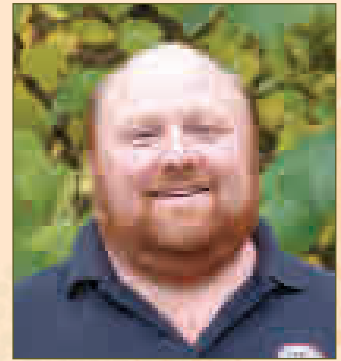
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## Greetings and welcome to the Spring/Summer edition of *The Chatterbox Leisure Guide*,

your guide to great recreation throughout Hamilton County. As some of you may know I spent all of January recovering from knee replacement surgery. All is well and I am back in the saddle now. Being cooped up during this “doctor-ordered” down time gave me the chance to do a lot of thinking. Thinking about how badly I wanted to be outside and what an important role we play as the leaders in offering outdoor recreation opportunities and education. As you continue through this guide you will see a multitude of widely ranging opportunities to be a part of all that your community has to offer. You will see many tried and true programs like summer camps, campfires, camping, concerts and hikes and a number of innovative new programs such as the Family Nature Club and Native American Gardening. If those don’t interest you, maybe you would like to find a way to lend a hand and help make your community a better place. Our volunteer program and community outreach efforts are growing annually. Another great program we are very proud of was recently developed by our nature staff, led by Amanda Smith. This worthwhile endeavor is our outreach program presented to the youth at the Hamilton County Juvenile Services Center. We are so blessed with the most amazing staff members who display, on a daily basis, so much passion for their community and their jobs.



We here in Hamilton County have so much to be thankful for!

### See you in the parks!

*Al Patterson*

Allen W. Patterson, CPRP, CPSI

Director, Hamilton County  
Department of Parks and Recreation

## Solar Panels at the Cool Creek Nature Center Update

View the energy generated by our solar panels on the roof of the Cool Creek Nature Center.

Visit [www.myhamiltoncountyparks.com](http://www.myhamiltoncountyparks.com) and click on the *Cool Creek Solar Panels* link!



*Snapshot taken January 30, 2013. Data generated since September 2, 2010*



# Cool Creek Nature Center

Photo - courtesy Kim Clark



## Visit the Cool Creek Nature Center!

Last year over 40,000 people visited the Nature Center! Our exhibits, which are all designed and created by our staff, change seasonally. In addition, a rotating free daily craft, scavenger hunts, and games are available every day. Our Wildlife Viewing Area and Greenhouse are also available. There is ALWAYS something new to explore at the Cool Creek Nature Center. While you are here, be sure to allow time for a nature hike and to stop at our popular playground! We hope you will make plans to visit us soon! For more information, please call us at 317-774-2500.

**Hours:** Monday-Saturday 10:00 am-5:00 pm  
Sunday 1:00 pm-5:00 pm

**Cost:** Free

*PLEASE NOTE: Nature Center closed on: March 29 and 31; May 27*



## Spring Exhibit: Spring on a Wing Exhibit

Birds are all around us, yet few people realize the large diversity found in Indiana or know about the astonishing habits of these amazing feathered dynamos! Put a "spring" in your step as you "migrate" to the Cool Creek Nature Center to learn more about these creatures. Information about specific birds, like woodpeckers, will be featured as well as general bird-related facts about conservation, nesting, and habitats.

**Dates:** March 18-June 2 (*Please note when we are closed for holidays.*)



## Summer Exhibit: Summer Sense-ations

We will be celebrating many of nature's most SENSE-ATIONAL things including hummingbirds, butterflies, lightning bugs, flowers, frogs, and other delightful creatures! Come inside, cool off, and enjoy exploring and learning about the amazing things that fill the summer sky, scent the summer air, and add musical fancy to this magical season!

**Exhibit Opening:** June 17



## Maple Syrup Program at Bray Family HomeStead Park

Get "sappy" with Hamilton County Parks. The staff will be demonstrating the tapping process on some of the same trees that the Bray Family tapped over the last 150 years. Traditional and modern equipment used in the process will be featured as well as information about the folklore, history, and facts about Maple trees. Please enter the park off of Hinkle Road into our newly installed parking lot. Dress for the weather and potentially muddy conditions.

**Date:** Saturday, March 2

**Time:** 10:00 am to 1:00 pm

**Pre-registration:** Yes, by calling 317-774-2500 or email: [cool.naturecenter@hamiltoncounty.in.gov](mailto:cool.naturecenter@hamiltoncounty.in.gov)

**Location:** BFHP (Bray Family Homestead Park)



## Hold the Garlic!

Are you itching to get outdoors? Be with others who love nature? Get satisfaction from knowing you're making a difference in your community?

If you answered 'yes' to these questions, this project is for you! Come help us pull invasive Garlic Mustard plants.

You'll help prevent them from spreading and crowding out wildflowers in your park. In other words, you can play a key role in pumping up Cool Creek Park's "flower power"! We will provide basic training before we start.

**Dates:** Three Saturdays: March 30, April 20 and May 4

**Location:** Meet in Cool Creek Nature Center

**Time:** 1:00-4:00 pm Participate for as long as you'd like during this time.

Want to come but these dates don't work? No problem! Call the number below.

**Dress:** Please wear seasonally-appropriate attire.

**Ages:** All. Children under 18 need signed parental permission; those under 14 must be accompanied by an adult.

**Pre-registration:** No

**What to bring:** Gloves

*Supplies and water will be provided by HCPR*

For further details, call 317-774-2509



## Pajama-Rama

Put on your cutest pair of pajamas, grab your favorite teddy bear, pack up an old blanket, and join us for Pajama-Rama! Families looking for a fun program to enjoy with their toddlers and preschoolers will love the Music Educator from Moriah Music who will lead us in songs and stories about some of our favorite animals.

**Dates:** March 8; April 5; May 3; June 7

**Time:** 7:00-8:00 pm

**Ages:** Best for families with children ages 1-7

**Pre-registration:** Preferred, by calling 317-774-2500 or emailing [cool.naturecenter@hamiltoncounty.in.gov](mailto:cool.naturecenter@hamiltoncounty.in.gov)

**Location:** CCNC



*Indicates Spring Break Programs* \*

## Foolin' Around with Silly Safaris

Celebrate April Fool's Day with Silly Safaris' Amazon John! He will be bringing lots of weird, strange, and silly animals to share with the audience. Laughter, learning, and fun will be had by all.

**Date:** Monday, April 1 at 1:00 pm

**Ages:** Best for school-aged children

**Location:** CCNC

## Baby, it's wild Outside

Utopia Wildlife Rehabilitators will be bringing some critters and talking with us about what we should and shouldn't do if we think a baby animal is injured or abandoned. Often times it is hard to know if we should intervene and when an animal is truly in need of help. This program will be as educational as it will be entertaining.

**Date:** Tuesday, April 2 at 1:00 pm

**Ages:** Best for school-aged children

**Location:** CCNC

## Owl Pals



Who-who is sharing our woods?

Swoop in to find out as Mark Booth, Director of Take Flight Wildlife Education brings several of his owls to share with the audience. Don't miss the chance to learn about these nocturnal birds of prey and to see these amazing creatures up close!

**Date:** Wednesday, April 3 at 1:00 pm

**Ages:** Best for school-aged children

**Location:** CCNC

## Rainforest Animals

Learn about the animals of the world's rainforest with Snakehead Ed. He will be bringing several exotic, tropical animals to show the crowd.

**Date:** Thursday, April 4 at 1:00 pm

**Ages:** Best for school-aged children

**Location:** CCNC





**NEW!**

## Nature Club for Families

### Exploring Nature with your Children

Research shows that being in nature makes all of us happier, healthier, and smarter. Connect your children with nature while building fun family memories. If you want to get your kids to the woods and want to meet other families interested in exploring nature, this is the solution for you! Nature Club for Families helps children develop their love of nature during the monthly adventures in Cool Creek Park. Bring the family and spend a few hours exploring the great outdoors. The Nature Club for Families is perfect for children and adults of all ages. The Club will start inside the Cool Creek Nature Center.

**Dates:** Saturday, March 9  
Saturday, April 13  
Saturday, May 11  
Saturday, June 8

**Times:** 10:00 am  
**Location:** CCNC



### ANIMALIA - Spring Awakening \*

As the land awakens from its winter slumber, plants begin to bloom and animals become more active as they search for food, shelter, and mates. Wake up and find a friend to join you at this eye-opening experience.

**Date:** Friday, April 5 at 1:00 pm  
**Ages:** Best for school-aged children  
**Location:** CCNC



### Let's Talk Turtle

World Turtle Day is May 23 and in celebration of it we are going to talk turtle! We'll look at several Indiana native and a few non-native species of turtles and tortoises. As we celebrate these gentle creatures that have been around for over 200 million years, we will hopefully learn to appreciate and respect them. We'll also explore some small ways that humans can help them to continue to survive and thrive!

**Date:** Saturday, May 25 at 1:00 pm  
**Age:** Appropriate for school-age children and up  
**Location:** CCNC



### World Water Day 2013 - Home-School Focused Program

We use it every day! Where does that water actually come from in our sinks and bathtubs? Where does it really go when we're through with it? Could we actually run low, or worse, run out? Dive in with us to celebrate our precious Indiana water resources and find out how it is connected with the entire world! Find out what we as individuals and a community can do to help protect our shared water resources. Dress for the weather as we will go outside...weather permitting.

**Date:** Friday, March 22 at 1:00 pm  
**Ages:** Home-school families  
**Pre-registration:** Preferred, by calling 317-774-2500 or emailing [cool.naturecenter@hamiltoncounty.in.gov](mailto:cool.naturecenter@hamiltoncounty.in.gov)  
**Location:** CCNC

### Let's Talk About Getting Kids Outside

Did you know research shows that having free time in nature is good for children and good for all of us? Yet many adults are not sure what to do with their kids outside or are afraid they don't know enough about nature to teach their kids. Our evening discussion will address these issues as well as the research on the benefits of outdoor play. We'll give you ideas of what to do outdoors, what to watch out for, and a bit about our Indiana nature that you can share with your kids. Check out Richard Louv's book, "Last Child in the Woods" and the Children & Nature Network [www.childrenandnature.org](http://www.childrenandnature.org).

**Date:** Thursday, March 21 at 7:00 pm  
**Age:** Caretakers of children  
**Location:** CCNC



# Nature Hikes

## SAVE the DATE

Our popular Boy Scout Merit Badge Workshops are returning this summer!

We'll offer favorites like Bird Study Merit Badge, Plant Science Merit Badge, and more! Workshop details and Merit Badge registration will be available online Memorial Day!



For details, please visit  
[www.myhamiltoncountyparks.com](http://www.myhamiltoncountyparks.com)

### Spring Wildflower Hikes

Walk the trails with a Naturalist in search of beautiful spring wildflowers at Cool Creek Park. You won't want to miss the opportunity to see these flowers as they make their brief - but enchanting appearance in our forests this spring. A Naturalist will discuss a variety of topics during the hike including medicinal and edible attributes of the flowers as well as folklore associated with them. These hikes begin in the Nature Center.

**Dates:** Saturday, April 20 at 11am  
Saturday, May 4 at 11am

**Location:** CCP

### Arbor Day Tree Stroll

Celebrate Arbor Day as the trees' new leaves unfurl and their flowers bloom. Our Naturalist staff is eager to share information about these magnificent plants and their annual rebirth each spring. This hike will begin just inside the entrance of the historic Potter's Bridge.

**Date:** Saturday, April 27 at 3:00 pm

**Location:** PBP

### Celebrate National Trails Day Hike

National Trails Day is a GREAT reason to get outside and explore one of the newer parks in our county, Bray Family Homestead! This 92-acre park is filled with lots of places to explore. Our Naturalist will explore the wooded lot and succession field located within this park! Lace up your boots and come explore!

**Date:** Saturday, June 1 at 9:00 am

**Location:** BFHP (Bray Family Homestead Park)

## Race Across HAMILTON COUNTY team activities challenge

Join us for the 2013 Race Across Hamilton County Team Activities Challenge! Teams will compete in mental, physical, passive, and other challenges at 5 different parks around the county. No time is recorded for travel. Race Day meals are provided and an awards ceremony will be provided to all registered participants. Monetary prizes are awarded to the top three teams. For ages 14 & up; each team must have at least one member 18 years or older. Check-in will be from 7:00 a.m. – 7:30 a.m. \$50 for team of two. Registration begins 4/1.

Please register through Fishers Parks and Recreation.  
(317)595-3150 or <http://www.fishers.in.us/departments/division.php?fDD=9-263>

**Min. 40/Max. 50 team**

**Date:** Saturday, August 24th

**Race will conclude at Central Park,  
1235 Central Park Drive East, Carmel, IN 46032**

**Time:** 7am – 7pm

**Registration:** by August 7 or when full

**Location:** Check in at Fishers Heritage Park,  
10595 Eller Road, Fishers, IN 46038





# Park Programs tcnh/skp

## Taylor Center of Natural History at Strawtown Koteewi Park

The Taylor Center of Natural History is open daily! Visitors are invited to discover the colorful local history that stretches thousands of years into the past. Artifacts recovered by professional archaeologists in previous excavations are on display in our exhibit room. Over eight miles of trails are open, so don't forget your hiking shoes and sense of adventure! Group tours or presentations can also be arranged by calling 317-774-2574.

**Hours:** Monday-Saturday 10:00 am-5:00 pm  
Sunday 1:00 pm-5:00 pm

*PLEASE NOTE: Taylor Center closed on: March 29 and 31; May 27*

## Strawtown Enclosure - Native American Village Tours

Our interpretive staff will be conducting tours of the Strawtown Enclosure, a Native American village that was inhabited over 700 years ago. During these tours we will discuss the Native Americans who built and used the enclosure and see some of the artifacts recovered by archaeologists. The tours will begin inside the Taylor Center of Natural History and include a short stroll to the village site. For more information, please contact us at 317-774-2574.

**Dates:** Saturdays at 11:00 am-12:00 pm  
Sundays at 2:00-3:00 pm

*PLEASE NOTE: Tours will not be offered on March 31*

## An Encounter with Fur Traders ❁

Have you ever wondered what Indiana was like when it was still a frontier land? Who were some of the first Europeans to visit Hamilton County? Step back to the 1700s and meet a father-son fur trading team, and learn about what they do and how they do it. Come anytime during the program's time span and stay as long as you'd like.

**Dates:** Monday, April 1 from 12:00-4:00 pm  
Friday, April 5 from 12:00-4:00 pm

**Pre-registration:** Yes, by calling 317-774-2574 or email [taylor.center@hamiltoncounty.in.gov](mailto:taylor.center@hamiltoncounty.in.gov)

**Location:** TCNH/SKP



*Photo - Alesa Cox*





## Nest Fest

Join us as we explore the fascinating world of birds and their nests. A short hike and craft will be included in the program.

**Date:** Wednesday, April 3 at 11:00 am

**Pre-registration:** Yes, by calling 317-774-2574 or email [taylor.center@hamiltoncounty.in.gov](mailto:taylor.center@hamiltoncounty.in.gov)

**Location:** TCNH/SKP

## Native American Gardening

Strawtown Koteewi Park welcomes Cynthia Deardorf, a seasoned Native American heirloom gardener. Cynthia maintains historic varieties of many Native American plants and specializes in growing and processing these plants in traditional ways. She will give a presentation on her research and have seeds and books available for purchase. This is an excellent program for anyone interested in historic Native American gardening.

**Date:** Saturday, April 27 at 1:00 pm

**Ages:** Best for adults, but all are welcome

**Location:** TCNH



## Mother's Day wildflower Cards

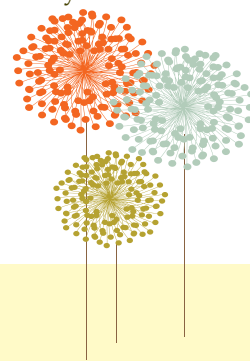
With Mother's Day around the corner, this program is perfectly timed for any child hoping to create a unique, hand-made gift. The combination of real flowers, a hammer, and a little elbow grease will help participants create a beautiful card decorated with flower prints perfect for any gal deserving a special gift on Mother's Day.

**Date:** Sunday, May 5 at 3:00 pm

**Ages:** 5 years and older

**Pre-registration:** Yes, by calling 317-774-2574 or email [taylor.center@hamiltoncounty.in.gov](mailto:taylor.center@hamiltoncounty.in.gov)

**Location:** TCNH/SKP



## Turtle Tales

Join us as we discover turtle artifacts, learn Native American turtle mythology, meet our box turtle, and explore turtle habitat. This activity includes a turtle-inspired craft.

**Date:** Saturday, June 8 at 1:00 pm

**Pre-registration:** Yes, by calling 317-774-2574 or email [taylor.center@hamiltoncounty.in.gov](mailto:taylor.center@hamiltoncounty.in.gov)

**Location:** TCNH/SKP

## Collection Identification

Do you have some arrowheads, stone tools, or other Native American artifacts? Join Archaeologist Jim Mohow as he helps artifact collectors identify personal collection pieces. When possible, Mr. Mohow will share the dates and stories associated with these fascinating relics of the past and the people who used them.

**Date:** Saturday, May 18

**Time:** 10:00 am-4:00 pm

**Ages:** Adults and older children

**Location:** TCNH/SKP



## Hurray for Mothers!

Celebrate some of the interesting mothers of the animal kingdom from loons to opossums! We will be making a handmade gift for Mom.

**Date:** Saturday, May 11 at 1:00 pm

**Ages:** 5 years and older

**Pre-registration:** Yes, by calling 317-774-2574 or email [taylor.center@hamiltoncounty.in.gov](mailto:taylor.center@hamiltoncounty.in.gov)

**Location:** TCNH/SKP





# Summer Nature Programs



## Cool Creek Campfires

Hey kids! Here's your chance to explore the great outdoors at Cool Creek Park. There will be nature-related exploration, crafts, and puppet shows during these one-hour programs. Pre-registration is required and is available by phone at the Cool Creek Nature Center or by e-mail. Required registration information includes name of child and age of child and the program title and time. Additional information will be distributed upon registration confirmation. Children can only attend each topic once. A limited number of spaces are available, and registration is on a first-come, first-served basis. Registration for these programs however will not open until Friday, May 31.

### Times:

10:00 -11:00 am

12:00 - 1:00 pm

2:00 - 3:00 pm

**Ages:** 3-10

**Cost:** Free

**Pre-registration:** Yes, by calling 317-774-2500

or [cool.naturecenter@hamiltoncounty.in.gov](mailto:cool.naturecenter@hamiltoncounty.in.gov)

(not open until May 31, 2013)

**Location:** CCNC

### Wings 'n' Things / July 1

Join our staff as we investigate the wonders of birds! We will learn about wings and other things that make them so amazing!

### Sprout 'n' Out / July 2

Summertime is here - and our plants and seeds are growing fast! Join us for some DIRT-y plant activities!

### Creek Stomp / July 3

A wonderfully wet program for all! Let our staff lead you through the beautiful waters of Cool Creek. Feel free to bring your own net and bucket - or borrow one of ours!

### Rambunctious Raccoons / July 5

From food to footprints or finding a den, come and learn all about this common backyard animal!

Join us around the Cool Creek campfire ring for songs, presentations, and marshmallows. Cindy Baney, music educator with Moriah Music, will start the evening off with music. Special speakers will then entertain guests each week with topics about snakes, birds, turtles, and more. Hang out with your family and friends during these special Wednesday evenings. Don't forget to bring your lawn chairs or blankets.

**Dates:** June 5, 12, 19, 26; July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

**Time:** 7:00 pm

**Cost:** Free

**Ages:** All

**Location:** CCP (north side of the park)

### Going Native with ANIMALIA / June 5

Learn about the wild animals and the challenges they face in your own back yard! Find out what you can do to help! Explore animal artifact and meet five native species such as a hawk, owl, crow, skunk, raccoon, opossum, snakes, or lizards.

### Really Dangerous Animals / June 12

Austin-conda with Silly Safaris is back with some REALLY DANGEROUS ANIMALS! Be sure to make it to this exhilarating show.

### Birds of Prey / June 19

Take Flight Wildlife Education's Mark Booth will be bringing several birds of prey to share with the audience. Hawks, Owls, and Kestrels are just a few of the amazing birds that prey on small animals and examples of what Booth will have for the audience!

### Amazing World of Animals / June 26

Animals from all over the world will be at our campfire ring. Larry Battson, wildlife educator and handler, will talk to us about animal lives, conservation, and more.

### All American Show / July 3

Celebrate our country's birthday a day early with Amazon John of Silly Safaris. Animals that get us excited about our independence will be featured!

### Surviving Summer with ANIMALIA / July 10

In the heat of the summer, survival can be challenging for many animals as they deal with difficult conditions such as increased temperatures and protected resources such as water and territory. Find out how animals stay cool and see if they have what it takes to be a survivor.

### Baby, it's Wild Outside / Reptile Experience / July 17

Utopia Wildlife Rehabilitators will talk with us about the do's and don'ts of wildlife that we might encounter in our communities. Some of their own rehabilitated animals will be on hand to help us understand when our help is needed and when it is actually harmful for wildlife and us!

### Snakes Alive with Snakehead Ed / July 24

Ed will be bringing lots of snakes to show the audience. He will dispel many of the myths people have about these fascinating creatures.

### Indiana Jim: Reptile Experience / July 31

Indiana Jim's wide assortment of reptiles and amphibians are sure to surprise, teach, fascinate, and intrigue you!





# Bird Hikes



**Beginning Bird Hikes** Birds are fascinating and watching them can be an awe-inspiring experience. Catching a glimpse of these gorgeous creatures however can be frustrating and learning how to identify all of them can be overwhelming! Join our Naturalist staff and other guest leaders (when available) Sunday and Wednesday mornings and we will learn together. This will be a great opportunity for bird-watchers of all levels. You may begin anytime during the season and come as often as you like. Pre-registration is not required. Don't forget your binoculars!

**Cool Creek Park:** These hikes meet in the north parking lot of Cool Creek Park; past the Nature Center.

**Dates:** March 3, 13, 17, 20, 27; April 7, 10, 17, 21, 24; May 5, 8, 15, 19, 22, 29; June 2, 5, 12, 16, 19, 26, 30.

**Time:** 8:30-10:00 am

**Days:** Wednesday and every other Sunday

**Strawtown Koteewi Park:** These hikes will meet at the Taylor Center of Natural History.

**Dates:** March 6; April 3; May 1; June 5

**Time:** 8:00-10:00 am

## Saturday Morning Spring Migration Bird Hikes

Catch a peek at some beautiful birds as they make their return north this spring. The hikes are led by well-known birder, Keith Starling. Hurry, some birds will not stay around long. After the hike, stop by the Nature Center's Wildlife Viewing Area for coffee and doughnuts. Don't forget your binoculars! Spring migration bird hikes meet in the north parking lot of Cool Creek Park.

**Dates:** April 20 and 27; May 4, 18, 25

**Time:** 8:00-10:00 am

**Location:** CCP

## American Woodcock walk

Unusual, weird, romantic, and unique are all words used to describe the American Woodcock. Come experience this bird for yourself at Strawtown Koteewi Park as male Woodcocks perform their aerial courtship displays for the females in the prairie at dusk! An indoor presentation will take place inside the Taylor Center for those interested in knowing more about the life-history of this bird. Those interested only in seeing the aerial display should meet the group inside the Taylor Center and will be led by a Naturalist outside.

**Dates:** Saturday, March 9

Indoor Program at 6:00 pm

Outdoor Program begins at 6:30 pm

Saturday, March 23

Indoor Program at 7:15 pm

Outdoor Program begins at 7:45 pm

**Location:** TCNH-SKP

## Audubon May Bird Count

Volunteer to help the HCP&R and the Indiana Audubon Society as we count birds throughout our county. This annual count takes place on International Migratory Bird Day and the results are a valuable tool in tracking bird

populations throughout the United States. Bird watchers of different skill levels will be paired together and assigned to various areas of the county. After the morning activities, an optional lunch will be provided in the Cool Creek Nature Center.

**Date:** Saturday, May 11

**Time:** 8:00 am

**Fee:** Free

**Location:** CCNC - County-wide

**Pre-registration:** Yes, by calling 317-748-4140 or emailing [robert.ripma@nuttybirder.com](mailto:robert.ripma@nuttybirder.com)

## Rookery Preserve

Join a Naturalist on site at our newest Hamilton County Park! This park hosts the largest Great Blue Heron rookery in Hamilton County. We will meet and stay at the Stoops Observation Deck and discuss details about the park. We will spend the majority of the time watching and talking about the Great Blue Herons, who should be busily courting and tending their nests. You are encouraged to bring binoculars, spotting scopes, and photography equipment if you'd like. Some equipment will be available to borrow.

**Dates:**

Thursday, March 7 at 4:00 pm

Wednesday, March 20 at 3:00 pm

Saturday, March 23 at 10:00 am and 4:00 pm

Tuesday, April 2 at 1:00 pm\*

Saturday, April 13 at 3:30 pm

Monday, April 22 at 7:45 pm

Sunday, April 28 at 4:00 pm

Saturday, May 4 at 4:00 pm

Wednesday, May 8 at 3:30 pm

Saturday, May 25 at 4:00 pm

Tuesday, May 28 at 3:00 pm

Friday, June 14 at 11:00 am

**Location:** RP

**Pre-registration:** Preferred, by calling 317-774-2500 or email: [cool.naturecenter@hamiltoncounty.in.gov](mailto:cool.naturecenter@hamiltoncounty.in.gov)



# Day Camps

Looking for a fun and energetic camp for your children to attend this summer? The Cool Creek Nature Center is offering another summer camp series this year. Registration begins March 16th at 10:00 a.m. Children must be of the appropriate age of the desired camp by September 1st, 2013. Please refer to the Camp registration details listed on this page or call the Cool Creek Nature Center with questions at 317-774-2500.

## Explorer Safari Camp - Children ages 6 to 7

Session 1 / **June 10-14**

9:30 am - 12:00 pm

Fee: \$60.00

Session 2 / **June 10-14**

1:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Fee: \$60.00

## Ranger Adventure Camp - Children ages 8 to 10

Session 1 / **June 17-21**

10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Fee: \$70.00

Session 2 / **July 8-12**

10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Fee: \$70.00

Session 3 / **July 22-26**

10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Fee: \$70.00

## Junior Outdoor Skills Camp - Children ages 11 to 13

Session 1 / **June 24-28**

10:00 am - 3:00 pm (Monday-Wednesday)

Thursday 10:00 am - all night/ Friday pickup at 10:00 am

Fee: \$80.00

Session 2 / **July 15-19**

10:00 a.m. - 3:00 pm (Monday-Wednesday)

Thursday 10:00 am - all night/ Friday pickup at 10:00 am

Fee: \$80.00

Session 3 / **July 29-August 2**

10:00 a.m. - 3:00 pm (Monday-Wednesday)

Thursday 10:00 am - all night/ Friday pickup at 10:00 am

Fee: \$80.00

# Cool Creek CAMP

## Camp Registration Day

**Date:** Saturday, March 16

**Time:** Registration begins at 10:00 am

**Location:** Cool Creek Nature Center or online



*\*all information provided here can also be found at  
[www.myhamiltoncountyparks.com](http://www.myhamiltoncountyparks.com)*



*\*If you have any questions about our registration process, please feel free to contact our Camp Coordinator, Dan Popiela at [dan.popiela@hamiltoncounty.in.gov](mailto:dan.popiela@hamiltoncounty.in.gov) or by calling 317-774-2500.*

### GENERAL REGISTRATION INFORMATION

- Parents can register either online or in-person.
- A limited number of spaces are available and registration for each camp is on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Campers are only permitted to attend the camp for their designated age group.
- Parents can only sign each child up for **ONE** session.
- An online Camper Profile is required for **EACH** CAMPER.
- An online Camper Profile must be completed by the day of registration.
- Registration can not take place until 10:00 a.m. on registration day, Saturday, March 16th.
- Any registration information must be completed by the parent/legal guardian of the child.



**The Cool Creek Nature Center is anticipating another great year of camp! We will again be offering online registration. Our intent is to provide a convenient and efficient experience for both parents and staff. In-Person registration is still an option for our camp parents without internet access or for those that simply prefer this method.**

#### **Additional In-Person Registration Info:**

- Parents registering their child(ren) in-person need to create an account online and complete a Camper Profile.
  - If this can not be achieved, please contact our Camp Coordinator for details.
- HCPR will allow relatives or family friends to register children **in-person** as long as the parent/legal guardian of the child has completed the online Camper Profile.
- A strict limit of *four* additional children per registering family will be applied.
- **Payment for the camp can be processed at the same time as in-person registration.**

#### **Additional ONLINE Registration Info:**

- In order to register online, you must have created an account and completed a Camper Profile for each of your children.
- All previous Camper Profiles must be updated.
- Parents must log on at, or any time after, 10:00 a.m. on registration day in order to reserve a spot in the desired camp.
- Camps that are full will be taken offline. Please consider registering for a different, age appropriate week only if your child is able to attend.
  - For Wait List Information: Contact the Cool Creek Nature Center (317-774-2500).
- Once registered, an automatic confirmation email of your spot will be sent to you after midnight. Online registration reserves a spot for your child in camp. Your child's spot in camp is not **FINALIZED** until payment is received within the designated timeframe. (See payment section below.)
- **We currently are unable to process payments online.**

#### **CAMPER PROFILES**

At any time, parents can access our website [www.myhamiltoncountyparks.com](http://www.myhamiltoncountyparks.com) and set up a Camper Profile or update their existing account details. Click on the "Summer Camp Accounts" link on the right side of our homepage which takes you to the log in screen.

- If you have an **EXISTING ACCOUNT**, you must log in and review your Camper's Profile to update any information.
- **NEW** Camper Profiles will involve setting up an account including creating a user name and password and filling out an online registration.
- If your child **ATTENDED CAMP IN THE PAST** but you didn't complete an online Camper Profile, please contact the Camp Coordinator. We will check our existing files in hopes of linking the information.
- Camper Profiles must be created prior to registering for a camp.
- A camper will not be registered for a camp unless all required fields are completed on the Camper Profile.
- **Users will be unable to select a camp until the actual registration time on March 16, 2013 at or after 10:00 a.m.**



#### **Payment:**

We currently are unable to process payments online.

- In order to complete the registration process, camp fees must be received by the Cool Creek Nature Center within **FOUR** days from the day you registered.
- **If payment is not received within this timeframe, you forfeit your spot in camp and it will go to next available patron.**
- Camp fees can be paid in person at the Cool Creek Nature Center during hours of operation or sent through the mail.
  - COOL CREEK NATURE CENTER, 2000-1 E. 151st St., Carmel, IN 46033
- Forms of payment include cash or check.
  - Social security number or drivers license number must be included on all checks.
  - Checks can be made payable to **HCPR**.
  - **HOURS OF OPERATION:**  
Monday-Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
Sundays 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Please bring the confirmation email you received to the Cool Creek Nature Center with your payment.
- Payment can be brought in by relatives or family friends, as long as the online Camper Profile was completed by the parent/legal guardian.
- Once payment is received, the parents will get another confirmation email stating that the camper's spot is confirmed. This email is automatically sent after the check has been processed.

#### **Cancellations:**

Unfortunately, **NO REFUNDS** will be made available after a child is registered. If a child is unable to attend camp for any reason, a credit may be made available towards the next year's camp in 2014. A cancellation form must be completed and approved by the Camp Coordinator in order to receive any credits. This credit may only be applied to a child within the same family at the same address. If the credit is not applied to camp in 2014 then the credit is forfeited. Camp availability is on a first-come, first-served basis. A credit towards next year's camp is not a guarantee that a spot will be available for that child. Any available opening will be made to the next available person on the waiting list, as determined by the HCPR staff. Cancellation forms are available at Cool Creek Nature Center or online at [www.myhamiltoncountyparks.com](http://www.myhamiltoncountyparks.com). Any concerns regarding the cancellation policy may be addressed to the HCPR's Department Director, Al Patterson at the Hamilton County Administrative Office by phone at 317-770-4400.





# COOL CREEK CONCERT SERIES

*in concert with nature!*

**June 14**  
**Polka Boy**  
polkaboy.com

**June 28 ESB**  
endlesssummerband.com

**June 21**  
**Cook and Belle**  
cookandbelle.com

**July 12**  
**Flying Toasters**  
theflyingtoasters.com

**July 19**  
**Zanna Doo**  
zannadoo.com



**Select Fridays at 7PM | Gates open at 6PM**

Adults - \$5 | 12 & Under - Free | Cool Creek Park 2000 East 151st Street, Carmel/Westfield



**Discount season passes!**  
Call 770-4400  
for details.

showers beach boat dock fishing canoe launch music pavilion picnic tables picnic shelters restrooms playground disc golf soccer field baseball / softball basketball court volleyball bicycling greenspace nature trail paved trail equestrian trail camping wetland / prairie

	showers	beach	boat dock	fishing	canoe launch	music pavilion	picnic tables	picnic shelters	restrooms	playground	disc golf	soccer field	baseball / softball	basketball court	volleyball	bicycling	greenspace	nature trail	paved trail	equestrian trail	camping	wetland / prairie	
1. <b>Administrative Office</b> 15513 S. Union Street, Carmel																							(317) 770-4400
2. <b>Bray Family Homestead Park (BFHP)</b> 4528 Sheridan Ave, Noblesville																	●	●					(317) 770-4400
3. <b>Cool Creek Park (CCP)</b> 2000 E. 151 <sup>st</sup> Street, Carmel					●	●	●	●	●		●	●	●		●	●	●	●			●		(317) 774-2500
4. <b>Coxhall Gardens (CHG)</b> 116th Street & Towne Road, Carmel			●		●			●	●						●	●	●	●			●		(317) 774-2582
5. <b>Geist Park (GP)</b> 10979 Florida Road, Fortville			●	●		●	●	●	●							●	●				●		(317) 770-4400
6. <b>Lafayette Trace Park (LTP)</b> 15796 E. Strawtown Ave, Noblesville			●	●												●							(317) 770-4400
7. <b>Morse Park &amp; Beach (MPB)</b> 19777 Morse Park Lane, Noblesville	●	●	●	●		●	●	●	●	●		●		●	●	●	●						(317) 770-4400
8. <b>Potter's Bridge Park (PBP)</b> 19401 N. Allisonville Road, Noblesville			●	●		●	●	●	●					●	●	●	●						(317) 770-4400
9. <b>River Road Park (RRP)</b> 12575 River Road, Carmel			●	●				●	●						●	●	●	●			●		(317) 770-4400
10. <b>Riverwood Canoe Landing (RCL)</b> 20814 Riverwood Ave, Noblesville			●	●																			(317) 770-4400
11. <b>Rookery Preserve (RP)</b> 25440 Scherer Ave, Arcadia																●							(317) 770-4400
12. <b>Strawtown Koteewi Park (SKP)</b> 12308 Strawtown Ave, Noblesville			●	●										●	●	●	●		●		●		(317) 774-2574
13. <b>White River Campground (WRCG)</b> 11299 E. 234 <sup>th</sup> Street, Cicero	●		●	●		●	●	●	●				●	●	●	●				●			(317) 770-4430

**NOW OPEN!**

## Beach Bash

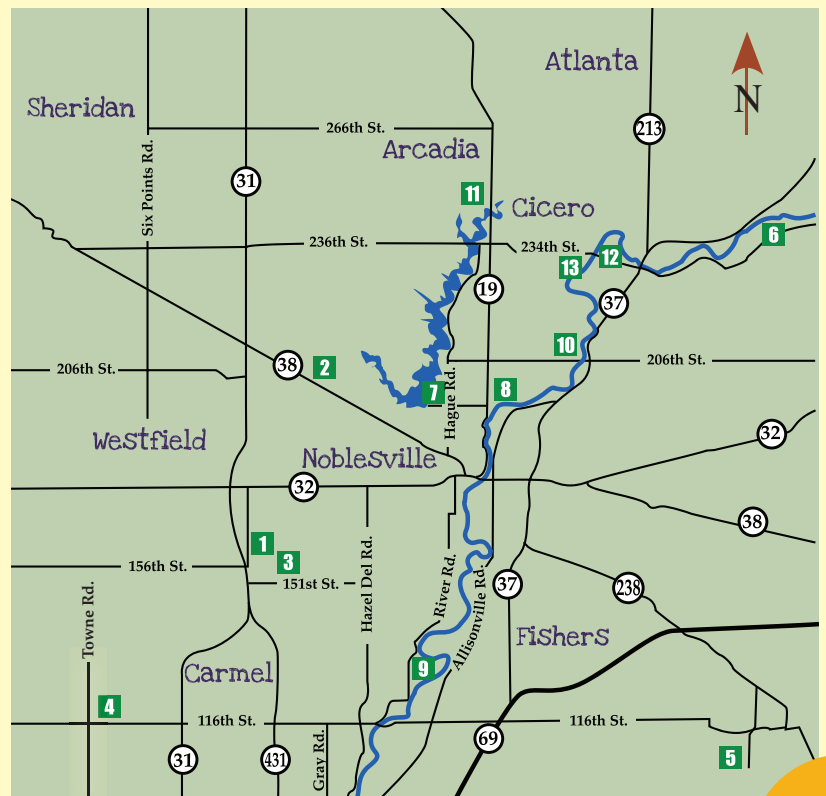
Beaches, sunbathing and fun are the perfect combination for summertime! Our annual Beach Bash is a fun way to enjoy summer. Activities include great music, games and tons of fun in the sun!

**Dates:** Wednesday, June 19 and Wednesday, July 17

**Time:** 11:00 am – 2:00 pm

**Cost:** Free – but limited to the first 200 to arrive

**Location:** Morse Park and Beach







# White River Campground

**Operating Dates:** April 12 - October 31, 2013

**Location:** 11299 East 234th Street, Cicero, IN 46034

**Amenities:**

- 100 modern campsites
- 7 primitive campsites
- water, electric & sewer hook-ups
- camp store, includes bait and tackle
- recreation room
- restrooms/shower facility
- laundry facility
- playground
- picnic shelter
- White River access

**Reservations are accepted 365 day in advance. Please call 317-770-4430 to make your reservation.. today!**

CAMPSITE/FACILITY	DAILY		WEEKLY	
	Hamilton County	Out of County	Hamilton County	Out of County
Full Hook-up	\$25	\$30	\$130	\$150
Electric and Water	\$20	\$25	\$120	\$130
Primitive Site	\$15	\$20	\$100	\$120
Day Visitor	FREE	FREE	/	/
Recreation Room Rental	\$50	\$80	/	/
Shelter House Rental	\$50	\$80	/	/
Boat Launch	\$3	\$5	/	/
Dump Station	\$5	\$8	/	/

## Morse Park Summer Triathlon

Is this the year you compete in your first triathlon, or are you a seasoned veteran of this annual event? Either way, join us for this summer triathlon that challenges all participants!

**Date:** Saturday, June 29

**Time:** 8 am

**Location:** Morse Park and Beach

19777 Morse Park Lane, Noblesville IN 46060

**Registration and Information:** [tuxbro.com](http://tuxbro.com) or call 317-733-3300

## Family Fun Times!

### AT WHITE RIVER CAMPGROUND

Throughout the 2013 season, White River Campground will offer quality entertainment and activities that are designed to add to the enjoyment of the camping experience for the entire family!

For specific details regarding the following campground events and programming, please call 317-770-4430.

**April 27** - Arbor Day Tree Giveaway and related programs

**May 11** - Spring Rummage Sale - Camping guests are invited to sell and trade their treasures

**May 25** - Memorial Weekend Musical Entertainment and a host of engaging activities

**June 29** - Kids Day - fishing tournament, magic show and REAL fire trucks on display

**July 6** - Fourth of July Weekend Musical Entertainment with ice cream treats and children's crafts and games

**July 20** - Surprise Guest Appearance, children's crafts, and wagon-pulled nature tours

**Aug. 10** - Evening Dinner Pitch-In at the shelter

**Aug. 31** - Labor Day Weekend Musical Entertainment and the popular park bounce house, along with children's crafts and fun activities

**Sept. 21** - Fall Rummage Sale - Last chance of the season to sell and trade rummage items with other campers

**Oct. 12** - Halloween Weekend - Trick or treating at dusk, camp site decorating contest, bounce house, a visit from Chatterbox, and wagon rides throughout the campground

**Oct. 19** - Year-end Pitch-in dinner in the Recreation Room for everyone

**...and MORE!**

White River Campground is surrounded by other nearby county parks known for their unique offerings and amenities, as well. Adjacent Strawtown Koteewi Park (SKP), featuring the Taylor Center of Natural History (TCNH), and Potter's Bridge Park (PBP), where the historic Potter's Covered Bridge is located, offer added opportunities to expand your getaway options, at no additional cost! Locations, events and programming provided at these and other county parks can be found throughout this *Chatterbox Leisure Guide*.

# Park Rentals

## Osprey Pointe Pavilion

Planning a shower, wedding reception, or any other special event? Our indoor rental facility at Morse Park and Beach offers a lodge-like setting and is available for private functions. Osprey Pointe is located on the banks of Morse Reservoir with a scenic view. The facility's seating capacity is 101 people and features a kitchenette and restrooms.

<b>Facility Rental Rate:</b>	\$160.50 for 4 hours
<b>Non-resident Rate:</b>	\$240.75 for 4 hours
<b>Additional Hours:</b>	\$42.80 per hour
<b>Damage Deposit:</b>	\$100
<b>Alcohol Deposit:</b>	\$400

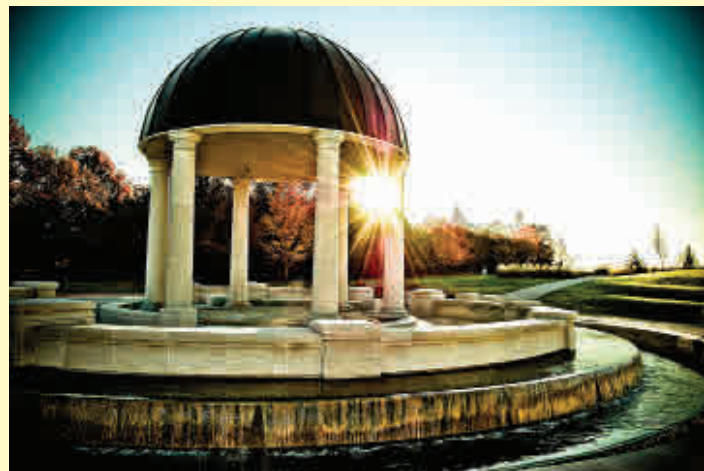
Rental Rates include an on-site security guard and use of all tables and chairs.



## Coxhall Gardens Centerpiece and Cripe Pavilion

Looking for a beautiful and serene location to hold your upcoming wedding and reception? The Coxhall Gardens Centerpiece and Cripe Pavilion are now ready to rent for weddings, wedding receptions, and any other special event you may have on your calendar. Rental is available from April through October.

For more information and to rent this facility, please call **Ritz Charles** at 317-846-9158 or visit [ritzcharles.com](http://ritzcharles.com)



## Park Shelters

Looking for a place to have a picnic and enjoy your summer? Our affordable picnic shelters are a perfect place to have a get-together! Shelter rental is available from May 1<sup>st</sup> until September 30<sup>th</sup>.

- Shelter rentals are for all-day use.
- No refunds
- Cash, check, money order, VISA or Mastercard only

**Please call 317-770-4400 for rental info.**

<b>Cool Creek Park</b>	<b>Shelter Size</b>	<b>County Resident</b>	<b>Non-County Resident</b>
Shelters A,B,C,D	20' x 30'	\$50 <sup>+tax</sup>	\$80 <sup>+tax</sup>

- Grill located at each shelter.
- Shelters hold approximately 50 people.

<b>Geist Park</b>	<b>Shelter Size</b>	<b>County Resident</b>	<b>Non-County Resident</b>
Shelter	20' x 30'	\$50 <sup>+tax</sup>	\$80 <sup>+tax</sup>

- Grill located at each shelter.
- Shelters hold approximately 50 people.

<b>Morse Park and Beach</b>	<b>Shelter Size</b>	<b>County Resident</b>	<b>Non-County Resident</b>
Shelters A,C,D	20' x 30'	\$50 <sup>+tax</sup>	\$80 <sup>+tax</sup>
Shelter B	30' x 40'	\$100 <sup>+tax</sup>	\$140 <sup>+tax</sup>

- Grill located at each shelter
- Shelters A,C,D hold approx. 50 people.
- Shelter B holds approx. 100 people.



# Calendar

## March

- Sa **2** a. Maple Syrup Program-10am to 1pm - BFHP  
b. Enclosure Tour - 11am - SKP
- Su **3** a. Beginning Bird Hike - 8:30am - CCP  
b. Enclosure Tour - 2pm - SKP
- W **6** Beginning Bird Hike - 8:30am - SKP
- Th **7** Rookery Preserve - 4pm - RP
- F **8** Pajama Rama - 7pm - CCNC
- Sa **9** a. Enclosure Tour - 11am - SKP  
b. Family Nature Club - 10am - CCNC  
c. American Woodcock Walk - 6pm - SKP
- Su **10** Enclosure Tour - 2pm - SKP
- W **13** Beginning Bird Hike - 8:30am - CCP
- Sa **16** a. Camp Registration - 10am - CCNC  
b. Enclosure Tour - 11am - SKP
- Su **17** a. Beginning Bird Hike - 8:30am - CCP  
b. Enclosure Tour - 2pm - SKP
- M **18** Spring Exhibit Begins - CCNC  
(Spring on a Wing Exhibit)
- W **20** a. Beginning Bird Hike - 8:30am - CCP  
b. Rookery Preserve - 3pm - RP
- Th **21** Let's Talk About Getting Outside Prog.  
7:00pm - CCP
- F **22** World Water Day - 1pm - CCNC
- Sa **23** a. Rookery Preserve - 10am and 4pm RP  
b. Enclosure Tour - 11am - SKP  
c. American Woodcock Walk - 7:15pm SKP
- Su **24** Enclosure Tour - 2pm - SKP
- W **27** Beginning Bird Hike - 8:30am - CCP
- F **29** Good Friday - Facilities Closed
- Sa **30** a. Enclosure Tour - 11am - SKP  
b. Garlic Mustard Pull - 1pm - CCP
- Su **31** Easter - Facilities Closed

## April

- M **1** a. Silly Safaris Program - 1pm - CCNC  
b. An Encounter with Fur Traders - 12 - 4pm -TCNH
- T **2** a. Baby, It's Wild Outside - 1pm - CCNC  
b. Rookery Preserve - 1pm - RP
- W **3** a. Beginning Bird Hike - 8:30am - SKP  
b. Nest Fest Program - 11am - TCNH  
c. Owl Pals Program- 1pm - CCNC
- Th **4** Rainforest Animals Program - 1pm - CCNC
- F **5** a. Fur Traders Program - 12-4pm - TCNH  
b. ANIMALIA Program - 1pm - CCNC  
c. Pajama Rama - 7pm - CCNC
- Sa **6** Enclosure Tour - 11am - SKP
- Su **7** a. Beginning Bird Hike - 8:30am - CCP  
b. Enclosure Tour - 2pm - SKP
- W **10** Beginning Bird Hike - 8:30am - CCP
- F **12** White River Campground Opens for Season - WRCG
- Sa **13** a. Family Nature Club - 10am - CCNC  
b. Enclosure Tour - 11am - SKP  
c. Rookery Preserve - 3:30pm - RP
- Su **14** Enclosure Tour - 2pm - SKP
- W **17** Beginning Bird Hike - 8:30am - CCP
- Sa **20** a. Migratory Bird Hike - 8:00am - CCP  
b. Spring Wildflower Hike - 11am - CCP  
c. Enclosure Tour - 11am - SKP  
d. Garlic Mustard Pull -1pm - CCP
- Su **21** a. Beginning Bird Hike - 8:30am - CCP  
b. Enclosure Tour - 2pm - SKP
- M **22** Rookery Preserve - 7:45pm - RP
- W **24** Beginning Bird Hike - 8:30am - CCP
- F **26** Arbor Day Activities - WRCG
- Sa **27** a. Migratory Bird Hike - 8am - CCP  
b. Enclosure Tour - 11am - SKP  
c. Native American Gardening - 1pm - TCNH  
d. Arbor Day Stroll - 3pm - PBP  
e. Family Fun Times - WRCG
- Su **28** a. Enclosure Tour - 2pm - SKP  
b. Rookery Preserve - 4pm - RP

### KEY

Su – Sunday  
M – Monday  
Tu – Tuesday  
W – Wednesday  
Th – Thursday  
F – Friday  
Sa – Saturday

# May

- W **1** Beginning Bird Hike - 8:30am - SKP
- F **3** Pajama Rama - 7pm - CCNC
- Sa **4**
  - a. Migratory Bird Hike - 8am - CCP
  - b. Wildflower Hike - 11am - CCP
  - c. Enclosure Tour - 11am - SKP
  - d. Garlic Mustard Pull - 1pm - CCP
  - e. Rookery Preserve - 4pm - RP
- Su **5**
  - a. Beginning Bird Hike - 8:30am - CCP
  - b. Enclosure Tour - 2pm - SKP
  - c. Mother's Day Wildflower Cards - 3pm TCNH
- W **8**
  - a. Beginning Bird Hike - 8:30am - CCP
  - b. Rookery Preserve - 3:30pm - RP
- Sa **11**
  - a. Indiana Audubon Society May Bird Count - 8am - CCP
  - b. Family Nature Club - 10am - CCNC
  - c. Enclosure Tour - 11am - SKP
  - d. Mother's Day Program - 1pm - TCNH
  - e. Spring Rummage Sale - WRCCG
- Su **12** Enclosure Tour - 2pm - SKP
- W **15** a. Beginning Bird Hike - 8:30am - CCP
- Sa **18**
  - a. Migratory Bird Hike - 8am - CCP
  - b. Enclosure Tour - 11am - SKP
  - c. Collection Identification - 10am-4pm TCNH/SKP
- Su **19**
  - a. Beginning Bird Hike - 8:30am - CCP
  - b. Enclosure Tour - 2pm - SKP
- W **22** Beginning Bird Hike - 8:30am-CCP
- Sa **25**
  - a. Migratory Bird Hike - 8am - CCP
  - b. Enclosure Tour - 11am - SKP
  - c. Morse Beach opens - 11am - WRCCG
  - d. Turtle Talk Program - 1pm - CCNC
  - e. Rookery Preserve - 4pm - RP
  - f. Musical Entertainment/family activities WRCCG
- Su **26** Enclosure Tour - 2pm - SKP
- M **27** Memorial Day - Facilities Closed
- T **28** Rookery Preserve - 3pm - RP
- W **29** Beginning Bird Hike - 8:30am - CCP

# June

- Sa **1**
  - a. National Trails Day Hike - 9am BFHP
  - b. Enclosure Tour - 11am - SKP
- Su **2**
  - a. Beginning Bird Hike - 8:30am - CCP
  - b. Enclosure Tour - 2pm - SKP
- W **5**
  - a. Beginning Bird Hike - 8:30am - SKP
  - b. Campfire Program - 7pm - CCP
- F **7** Pajama Rama - 7pm - CCNC
- Sa **8**
  - a. Family Nature Club - 10am - CCNC
  - b. Enclosure Tour - 11am - SKP
  - c. Turtle Tales - 1pm - TCNH
- Su **9** Enclosure Tour - 2pm - SKP
- W **12**
  - a. Beginning Bird Hike - 8:30am - CCP
  - b. Campfire Program - 7pm - CCP
- F **14**
  - a. Rookery Preserve - 11am - RP
  - b. Cool Creek Concert - PolkaBoy - 7pm CCP
- Sa **15** a. Enclosure Tour - 11am - SKP
- Su **16**
  - a. Beginning Bird Hike - 8:30am - CCP
  - b. Enclosure Tour - 2pm - SKP
- M **17** Summer Exhibit Begins - CCNC (Summer Sense-ations)
- W **19**
  - a. Beginning Bird Hike - 8:30am - CCP
  - b. Campfire Program - 7pm - CCP
  - c. Beach Bash - 11am - 2pm - MPB
- F **21** Cool Creek Concert - Cook & Belle 7pm - CCP
- Sa **22** Enclosure Tour - 11am - SKP
- Sa **23** Enclosure Tour - 2pm - SKP
- W **26**
  - a. Beginning Bird Hike - 8:30am - CCP
  - b. Campfire Program - 7pm - CCP
- F **28** Cool Creek Concert - ESB - 7pm - CCP
- Sa **29**
  - a. Enclosure Tour - 11am - SKP
  - b. Kids Day - Fishing, Firetrucks & Fun WRCCG
  - c. Morse Park Summer Triathlon - 8am MPB
- Su **30**
  - a. Beginning Bird Hike - 8:30am - CCP
  - b. Enclosure Tour - 2pm - SKP

# 2013

## Save the Dates!

For the first and second weekends in November, 2013, The Guild of Coxhall Estates is planning three exciting events: **A Children's Tea, a Madrigal Dinner and a tour of the Mansion.** Local interior designers will decorate the mansion in holiday finery for this tour. Look for more information in future "Chatterbox" publications. 



*Bloodroot Wildflower*  
Photo: Angie Cole



*Butterfly Village - Coxhall Gardens*





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Cool Creek Park

## Vintage Vehicle Expo

Enjoy classic vehicles, fun entertainment and exciting giveaways...wheel fun for everyone!

**Date:** Saturday, August 17

**Time:** Noon – 3:30 pm

**Cost:** Free to the public

**Location:** Cool Creek Park\*

\*Entrants sign in at Collision Cure in Westfield - 9:00 am - Noon




If you have a classic vehicle you'd be proud to display at this show, contact 317-770-4400 or visit [myhamiltoncountyparks.com](http://myhamiltoncountyparks.com) for registration information.

## Be a Parks Volunteer!



Volunteering for the **Hamilton Parks and Recreation Department** can be a fun and rewarding experience!

Volunteer opportunities include general park up-keep, assisting with special events, helping with gardening, caring for the Nature Center's wildlife friends, greenhouse tending, landscaping, cleaning, socializing, educating and more.

You can also check out the programs and events in this issue that offer volunteer opportunities. Look for the  symbol.

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